

Honoring Patriot Buried in Texas

A 250th Anniversary Marker was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution by Kay Pontious, Regent, Coushatti Trace Chapter and Cheryl Bolt, Chaplin, Coushatti Trace Chapter. A Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring William Gates was made to honor his participation in the founding of our country



was made by Tracy Pounder, State President, Texas Society, SAR, Sam Massey, Past State President, Texas Society, SAR, and Don Hays, Chaplain, Freedom Chapter, SAR.

William Gates was born about 1759 in Lincoln County, North Carolina.

William was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Gates. He married



Catherine Hardin of North Carolina in 1783, and they had four sons and three daughters.



Gates and his family moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, and then joined

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The Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Wreaths Across America

Woodlawn Cemetery
11:00

Naturalization Ceremony

Bryan
12/19/24 at 10:00 am

Monthly Meeting

Spring Creek BBQ
January 8th at 630

Stephen F. Austin's Old 300 colony in Texas in 1821. Gates received land, now in Washington County in 1824, approximately 5 miles from Washington-on-the-Brazos. William's wife Catherine, died in 1826. William Gates died in Texas on August the 20, 1828 and is buried in the Gates-Perry Family Cemetery in Washington County, Texas.

After Benediction, the Color Guard closed the ceremony with a black power musket volley. Rankin Color guard members Commander Ralph and Jerry Martin attended the ceremony.

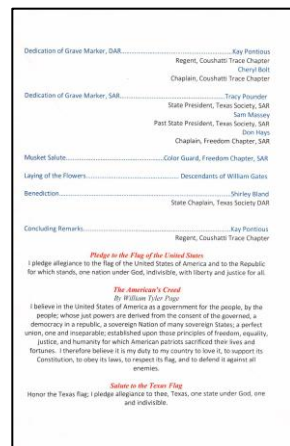
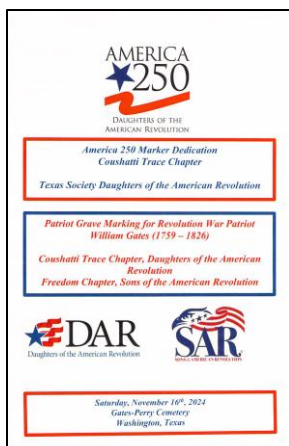
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Right – Texas State President Tracy Pounder and Robert Rankin Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed.



Welcome our New Member Jeremy Clark

Sargent Jeremy Clark, Born Tuscaloosa Alabama. Served in the US Army active duty 2003-2009, as an Air Assault Combat Medic with the 101ST Airborne (Air Assault) Division, 1st Brigade, 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry (light). Completed two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom 5&6. Currently lives in Houston, Texas with wife and 2 kids.

Jeremy is now a high school teacher at Cypark High School teaching sociology, psychology, and economics.

New Inductee Jeremy Clark taking the oath from Rankin Chapter President Alex Thorne, with Register Jack Muggli looking on.



Jeremy receiving his SAR pin – traditionally taken from the collar of the current president.



Jeremy's Patriot PVT William Blake was a Continental Solider who served in the Hillsborough District Brigade (1776 1783), North Carolina lead by Brigadier General Thomas Person. The brigade became the Northern Orange County Regiment who fought in twenty-five battles.



Compatriot Fred Jackson presents a history of the

Capture of Fort William and Henry

The Capture of Fort William and Mary took place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on December 14, 1774, when local Patriots led by John Langdon stormed Fort William and Mary guarding the mouth of the busy seaport. They overcame a six-man caretaker detachment and seized the garrison's powder, which was distributed through several towns in the colony for potential use in the looming struggle against Great Britain. On December 15, 1774, patriots led by John Sullivan again raided the fort, this time seizing numerous cannons, later used in the pivotal Battle of Bunker Hill. The incident is significant as one of the first overt acts of the American Revolutionary War and the only battle to take place in the state of New Hampshire.



John Thompson was our presenter this month. He talked about his father F.A. Thompson and some antics while flying a Bell P-63 King cobra.



These planes were rare and were designed with greater speed to attempt Nazi jet Messerschmitt's attacking the Texas coast.

Sharing History With 5th Grade Students at Nottingham Elementary

In Texas, the 5th grade history curriculum TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) are all about the history of the United States from 1565 to the present. This includes the colonial period, the American Revolution, the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and American identity and westward expansion.

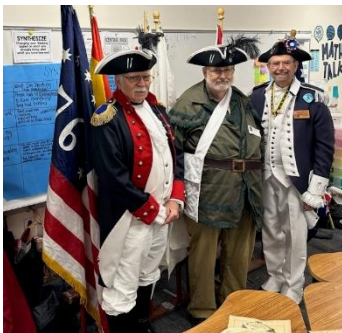
In support of this information, the TEKS recommend the use of a variety of rich source materials including museums, historical sites, and local and state preservation societies.



On November 22nd, four members of the SAR and one member of the DAR went to Nottingham Elementary in Katy. We were divided into two classrooms and the student group moved from room to room.



Rankin dual member John Tompson and his wife Mary posed as Benjamin Franklin and his Deborah and delighted each group with stories and anecdotes from Benjamin's past.



Ralph Reed, Tom Jackson, and Jerry Martin were in another room with an assortment of 13 historic flags. Ralph spoke about his veteran service and uniforms worn during the American Revolution. Jerry reviewed the English flags, the colonial flags and the battles in which they appeared. Tom spoke of the contributions of the French and Spanish and their flags of the period.



Robert Rankin's Color Guard Members were busy for Veterans Day Celebrations

Commander Ralph Reed Presentations

- Thursday, November 7th, Hutsell Elementary in Katy.
- Friday, November 8th, The halftime Veterans Day Program at the Katy and Mayde Creek High School football game at Legacy Stadium in Katy.
- Monday, November 11th, Needville High School Katy
- Tuesday, November 12, Meador Elementary 2nd grade, Willis
- Wednesday, November 13th, Meador Elementary 5th grade, Willis



Commander Ralph Reed with this 5th grade granddaughter

Tom Jackson

- Friday, November 8th, Fiest Elementary
- Monday, November 11th Lowery Elementary

"The BEST question I was asked... by a young 5th grader...."Did you know George Washington?"....Not personally. Then she wanted a picture with me. " Ralph

Wreaths Across America



This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Woodlawn Funeral Home & Cemetery Houston – 11 am.


Katy Magnolia Cemetery -10:30 am



Still time to purchase a Wreath

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/tx1085>

ROBERT RANKIN AWARDS

Texas District 8 Vice President Dennis Brunson Presents Robert Rankin President Alex Thorne with two National Sons of the American Revolution Awards – President General's Education Outreach Streamer and the Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America as part of our Patriotic Outreach.



Two Rankin Chapter Compatriots awarded
the Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal



L to R – District Vice President Dennis Brunson, Ralph Reed, Jerry Martin, Rankin President Alex Thorne

The purpose of the Bernardo de Galvez Texas SAR Color Guard Medal is to promote Color Guard Activity within the Texas Society, to show recognition to the Texas Society Color Guard, to



promote the service of our Patriot Bernardo De Galvez, to promote the history of New Spain and Texas in the American Revolution, and to offer recognition for Color Guardsmen who come to Texas to support a National Color Guard Event. The requirements for Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medal is the participation in at least three National or State events in one 12-month period.

**The 250th is here.
Will You Join Us
In Celebration?**

**July 4, 2026 will be the 250th
birthday of our country.**

**It didn't start or stop on that day,
but was a decade long process:
1773 - 1783**

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Compatriots,

We have received notification that invoices for 2025 dues have been mailed. 2025 dues calculations include a \$3.00 annual assessment to defray expenses which the state will incur in hosting the 2029 National Congress in San Antonio.

Texas SAR has voted that Junior Members will not need to pay dues for 2025.

Keep in mind that your dues are considered late on **January 1, 2025**. If they are still unpaid 30 days later - NSSAR will drop you from the rolls, you will start to show a gap in your service, and you will not get your magazine.

Online/Paypal (option 1) - We encourage everyone to use this option and pay your dues by credit card through Paypal. [Click here for the online dues payment page](#) and enter your National SAR # and Name as it appears on your Membership Certificate. Then select your primary chapter and any other chapters you maintain dual membership with and follow the checkout procedures. This is operational on the TexasSAR.org website NOW. PayPal fees have been removed for 2025 Dues payments. As mentioned, this online Paypal form also allows for secondary (dual) chapters to be added for those wishing to pay as a dual member.

US Mail (option 2) - You simply take the bottom section of the dues invoice you receive in the mail and send a check for the amount indicated with the pre-addressed envelope, stamp it, and return it to us by US mail.

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